

sector was drafted into the Army. After fulfilling his military duty, Tom worked for two engineering firms before joining the Pueblo City Department of Public Works in 1980. Two years later he was appointed as the Director of Public Works.

As director, Tom was responsible for a staff of over 150 members, the oversight of 450 roads and 94 buildings, and the management of storm water and waste. In addition, he had oversight of an eighteen million dollar budget and final approval in all personnel, budget and organizational decisions. After his impressive stint at the department, Tom will be moving to Fort Collins, Colorado to work for a private engineering firm and to be closer to his family.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor the service of Tom Cvar for his dedication to the city of Pueblo. His leadership will be missed, and I am proud to recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks for your service, Tom, and good luck with all of your future endeavors.

HONORING MYRTLE MCKENNA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Myrtle McKenna on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Myrtle McKenna was born on November 3, 1904 and resides in San Jose, California.

She was married to Vincent "Mac" McKenna for 39 years until his death. Mac served as President of UAW Local 560 for many years. Myrtle has also been active in the UAW. She is currently the Financial Secretary of the UAW Women's Auxiliary, and she is also in charge of preparing food for the retiree's monthly meetings. Myrtle has never missed a meeting and drove herself to the meetings until she was 94.

Myrtle has been an active member of the Transfiguration Catholic Church for the past 45 years and she continues to volunteer there on a regular basis. She is an avid gardener, and is well known for growing beautiful tomatoes.

I want to thank Myrtle McKenna for her many years of service to our community and congratulate her on this milestone birthday. The city of San Jose is truly fortunate to have such a dynamic and caring resident.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM GRIGGS

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the State of Michigan's longest serving public officials, Mr. William Griggs.

Born in Wyandotte on August 20, 1941, Bill is the youngest of four boys in the Griggs family. His father, Lloyd, was employed at National Steel, in Ecorse, Michigan, for 39 years.

In 1959, Bill was involved in a severe automobile accident which left him a paraplegic and confined to a wheelchair. He finished high school while recovering in the University of Michigan Hospital.

Graduating from Wayne State University with a bachelors degree in business administration in 1967, Bill went on to receive a Masters Degree in Recreation and Parks from Wayne State in 1975.

Bill is married to the former Judy Mierzewski and together they share the love of her children Lorrie McQuiston and Patrick McGrath. Lorrie resides in Trenton, MI and has two children, while Patrick resides in Chicago, IL and has four children.

Bill Griggs was elected City Clerk by the voters of Wyandotte in 1973 and has been re-elected 13 times since—for a total of 31 years service to the citizens of Wyandotte, Michigan.

Bill was appointed to the Michigan Commission on the Employment of the Handicapped in 1976 by Governor William Milliken and served for three years. He was appointed, by Governor James Blanchard, to the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council in 1985 and served for one year.

Bill represented the United States in eleven different International Wheelchair competitions, including those held in England, Israel, Argentina, Mexico, Canada and Peru:

Bill has been the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Michigan Wheelchair Athletic Committee and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Wheelchair Athletic Committee from 1971 to 1976.

Bill Griggs has received many honors over the years from numerous local clubs and organizations, including being named Outstanding Wheelchair Athletic of the year, based on a nationwide poll, in 1971; Outstanding Downriver Citizen by the Downriver Pennsylvania Club in 1974; Outstanding Young Man by the Wyandotte Jaycees in 1975; recipient of the Citation of Honor from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in 1975; Outstanding Government Official by the Michigan Rehabilitation Association in 1976; the 1986 Wyandotte Citizen of the Year award from the Wyandotte Service Clubs Council; elected to the Theodore Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame in 1991; inducted into the U.S. Wheelchair Sports Hall of Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame; and many more.

As you can see Mr. William Griggs is well deserving of our recognition for his many years of service to this community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM GAYL BUCKLES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to pay tribute to the passing of William Buckles, a great man from my district. Bill Buckles, an anthropologist from Pueblo, Colorado recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. I am honored today to bring his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Bill was born on May 25, 1931 in Parco, Wyoming. He joined the Marines in 1951, and after fighting in the Korean War, was discharged in 1954. Bill then attended the University of Colorado where he obtained his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology. After traveling to Egypt under the

employment of the Smithsonian Institution, Bill returned to Pueblo, Colorado, and became the first full-time anthropology professor at Southern Colorado State College. He spent twenty-seven years as a professor at SCSC before retiring in 1992.

Bill will be remembered for his dedication in finding the original El Pueblo trading post. The trading post on the then Mexican-American border served as a meeting place for trappers and traders from all across North America before it was destroyed and forgotten in 1854. Bill began searching for the site in the early eighties and after finding the historical site, he helped insure that it was included as part of the El Pueblo Historical Museum. Bill also made great contributions the Fryingpan-Arkansas Water project, which provides safe drinking water to tens of thousands of residents in southwest Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Buckles was a dedicated man that selflessly served his community and country, and I am honored to pay tribute to such a respected citizen. His lifetime of achievements is an incredible model for America's youth. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time of bereavement.

TRIBUTE TO LINDSAY TARPLEY

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to United States Olympic Women's Soccer player, Lindsay Tarpley, whose outstanding play helped the team bring home the gold in Athens. The grace and class that Lindsay and the entire women's soccer team demonstrated during their superb Olympic championship run is an inspiration to all of us.

In the 2004 Olympic gold medal game, millions of people around the world watched as Lindsay brilliantly scored the United States' first goal as the team went on to defeat Brazil 2-1. Her play throughout the tournament was marvelous and made the whole of southwest Michigan exceedingly proud.

Lindsay graduated from Portage Central High School in 2002 where she was twice an All-American, named the nation's top High School forward by Parade Magazine, was Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year, and led her team to win the MSHAA state title in 1999. Following her explosive career at Portage Central, Lindsay furthered her excellence at the University of North Carolina. Over the last two seasons at UNC, Lindsay continued in her dominance and after being named National Player of the Year by Soccer America in 2003, she was selected to the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

I could never adequately list or describe all of Lindsay's accomplishments on the soccer field, but perhaps her greatest accomplishment thus far is being a role-model for millions of youth players throughout our country. As a National and Olympic star, Lindsay has shown through her dedicated play and elegance in success, the true meaning of being a champion. Just like her own role model, Mia Hamm, Lindsay is a role model for countless girls throughout southwest Michigan and our nation as a whole.

On behalf of the Sixth District of Michigan, I would like to wish a very speedy recovery to

Lindsay on her recent injury that she endured while playing at UNC. I extend my very best wishes to Lindsay's continued success on and off the field and congratulations on her Gold medal in the 2004 Olympics.

HONORING SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION 250

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 250 for 70 years of invaluable service to the community.

SEIU 250 was chartered on September 13, 1934. On that date, the American Federation of Labor certified the local as the country's first health care union, which grew out of the struggle of a group of service workers who united to fight for better wages at San Francisco General Hospital. Since that time, the members of SEIU 250 have worked tirelessly to improve working conditions for all service employees in the health care profession, and in doing so, have dramatically improved the state of health care in California and across the country.

During the 70 years since its founding, SEIU 250 has achieved a number of remarkable milestones. In 1941, the local signed its first contract with the San Francisco Hospital Conference, an agreement that represented employees at eleven hospitals. A decade later, SEIU 250 signed its first contract with Kaiser Permanente, a partnership that continues today and represents over 20,000 caregivers. The local would go on to work even harder to meet the needs of its members by incorporating into its structure four additional divisions in the areas of home care, convalescent care, hospitals and emergency medical services. In the decades that followed, SEIU 250's reach grew to encompass eleven districts spanning Northern California, with a membership of over 100,000.

As the local's membership has grown, so has the impact of its relentless efforts to promote just and equitable working conditions for health care employees. In 1998, SEIU 250 members created a Patient Healthcare Worker Defense Fund, a nonpartisan effort with the objective of giving health care workers a more powerful voice in government to advocate for issues such as universal access to quality care, a patients' bill of rights, nursing home reform, and strong enforcement of workplace health and safety laws. SEIU 250 has also contributed enormously to the community through initiatives such as the establishment of the Shirley Ware Education Center, which opened in 1999 to provide needed training for current health care workers and to train new workers in response to widespread health care staffing shortages.

On October 1, 2004, SEIU 250 will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in San Francisco, California. I would like to mark this occasion by commending this organization for the exceptional service it has provided to the community not only in its capacity as an advocate of health care workers' rights, but also for its consistent efforts to improve the nation's health care system. By remaining committed

to the goals of safe and fair working conditions for caregivers, SEIU has contributed immeasurably not only to the well-being of its members, but also to the quality of health care they are subsequently able to provide. I salute and congratulate SEIU 250 for 70 remarkable years of service.

IN MEMORY OF SGT. THOMAS
CHAD ROSENBAUM

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and courageous spirit of U.S. Army Sgt. Thomas Chad Rosenbaum of Hope, AR. Sgt. Rosenbaum, just 25 years old, was killed in the line of duty in Iraq on September 18, 2004. I am deeply saddened by this tragedy. I wish to recognize his life and achievements.

Sgt. Rosenbaum attended my alma mater, Hope High School, where he participated in a number of extracurricular activities. He was a member of the Bobcat football team, the golf team, weight lifting team, Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America and took part in the FFA rodeo. After graduating from Hope High School in 1997, Sgt. Rosenbaum enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Rosenbaum was stationed in Iraq since March where he worked as a chemical specialist and trained Iraqis in the use of firearms. His exemplary service and dedication to our country did not go unnoticed. His long list of distinguished medals includes: the Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, two Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two NCO Professional Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, the master parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Weapon Qualification Badge, and the French Parachutist Wings.

America will be forever grateful for Sgt. Rosenbaum's service to our great country. He gave his life to serve our country and will forever be remembered as a terrific father, courageous son, and a hero. My deepest condolences go out to his son, Ty; his parents, Jackie and Donna Rosenbaum; and his brother, Zane. I know Sgt. Rosenbaum was proud of his service to the U.S. Army and to our country. He will be missed by his family, fellow soldiers, and all those who knew and counted him as a friend. I will continue to keep Sgt. Rosenbaum and his family in my thoughts and prayers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN
OF RICO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 125th anniversary of the incor-

poration of the Town of Rico, Colorado. This year marks the celebration of its Quasiquicentennial, a rare and distinguished achievement. The story of Rico is one of a successful, booming mining town that thrived around the Rio Grande Southern Railroad route. As the town's residents celebrate their one hundred and twenty-fifth year anniversary, I would like to join my colleagues here today, before this body of Congress and this nation, in recognizing this impressive milestone.

Rico is Spanish for "rich", and the rich culture and history of Rico is one of its greatest charms. The wealth of Rico derives from its long history of mining. Trappers first came to the valley in 1832 to catch beaver and other fur bearing animals. Gold was discovered in 1866 by a Texan named Colonel Nash and fellow prospectors Sheldon Shafer and Joseph Fearheiler of Montana.

Rico reached its apex in 1892 with a population of five thousand, supporting several saloons, a few churches, a couple of newspapers, a theater and the Rico State Bank. In 1893, there was a silver panic that left only 811 people in Rico, but the town recovered and the mining industry rebounded in 1926. From 1953 to 1971, the mining industry then shifted its focus from silver to lead and zinc ore. Today Rico is unparalleled in its beautiful mountain scenery and outdoor recreation opportunities that include both fishing and hunting.

Mr. Speaker, after one hundred and twenty-five years, Rico, Colorado continues to experience success as a tight-knit community. The social institutions and economic infrastructure account for the town's longevity. Our nation was built upon the strong foundation of small communities like Rico. I congratulate the town of Rico, Colorado for this important anniversary and wish the community the best in the future.

HONORING CENTER FOR TRAINING
AND CAREERS' WOMEN EMPOWERED
TO MOVE AHEAD PROGRAM

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Center for Training and Careers (CTC) of San Jose for establishing the Women Empowered to Move Ahead (WEMA) collaborative program.

WEMA was created by CTC when they were approached by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to help train women for the Utility Worker and Apprentice Lineman divisions. At that time PG&E did not have any women in those positions. With CTC's extensive experience designing non-traditional programs for under-employed and unemployed women, a program was developed that focused the curriculum on the employment process of PG&E.

Students received 325 hours of instruction over a 13-week period, and special support services were provided for the participants. WEMA also met the requirements of the Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Network (SVWIN) that emphasize programs that respond to the special needs of the employer community. SVWIN committed Workforce Investment Act funds and provided referrals through its One Stop Employment Centers.